

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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~~The invention provides a~~ A sound insulation/absorption structure, a sound insulation/absorption device, and a structure having these applied thereto and a member constituting the same, ~~[[which]]~~ are capable of insulating or absorbing sound by stiffness control. The sound insulation/absorption structure comprises a film member ~~[[(1)]]~~, such as a polymer film or metal foil, and a frame body ~~[[(2)]]~~ having at least one annular opening, the film member ~~[[(1)]]~~ being fixed to the frame body ~~[[(2)]]~~, the section of the film member ~~[[(1)]]~~ surrounded by the frame body ~~[[(2)]]~~ being of a curved shape such as a dome, wherein the resonance frequency of the in-plane stretching of this curved shape is set at a frequency equal to or higher than the audible frequency band, so as to insulate or absorb sound by the elastic force of the film. The film member ~~[[(1)]]~~ may be replaced by an acrylic, polyethylene terephthalate or other plastic plate, an aluminum or other metal plate, or a veneer or other plate member, molded into a curved shape, such as a dome, a semi-cylinder and a cone.